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Ms Tang:

As discussed this date by telephone, attached for filing is Status Request regarding the above-referenced application.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Ms. Tang:

The above-identified patent application was filed on December 30, 1999. It has come to Applicants' attention that the USPTO's records indicate a filing of an Express Abandonment for this application, however, Applicants' records do not reflect any filing of an Express Abandonment regarding this application. We respectfully request a status inquiry on the aboveidentified patent application.

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